THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) The Government of Maharashtra has advised the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) that 50 co-operative spinning mills would be set up in the State of Maharashtra during the Eighth Plan period. Of these, 12 have so far approached IDBI for assistance.

(b) to (d) IDBI has reported that no assistance has been sanctioned by the financial institutions so far, as it was felt that there was no scope for such a large capacity. In view of greater emphasis on exports, financial institutions have been giving preference to export oriented units promoted by persons with experience in the line and envisaging installation of most modern equipment to ensure production of yarn of international standard. The working of the existing co-operative mills has been generally unsatisfactory and they have large overdues to financial institutions. IDBI has advised the Government of Maharashtra to clear the overdues of existing co-operative spinning mills and strengthen their organisational set up.

Devaluation of Rupee

4411. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to devalue the rupee further to increase exports of the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether this move is due to impact of Budget proposals for 1994-95 to enable Small Scale Industrial Units to compete in the export market ; and

(d) if so, details thereof and the periodicity of such move ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (d) Since the introduction of a unified exchange rate in March 1993 the exchange rate of the Rupee is determined by the forces of demand and supply in the foreign exchange market. However, the RBI's intervention in the market in the form of buying up the surpluse flow of foreign exchange has so far prevented the exchange rate from appreciating. It is the intention of the Government to maintain a competitive exchange rate.

Allotment of Shares of SBI

4412. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any complaint has been received from the Investors' Grievances Forum demanding a thorough inquiry into the share allotment of the State Bank of India ;

(b) whether it is a fact that many valid share applications were rejected and the banks went on accepting applications for three/four days, even after the issue was officially declared closed ; and

(c) who were the registrars to the issue and what action the SEBI propose to take against the registrars for manipulation and mismanagement of this public issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had received a complaint letter from the Investors' Grievances Forum making certain general allegations and requesting an enquiry.

(b) The rejections were generally in respect of multiple applications, in accordance with the prescribed procedure for the purpose. There is no information to support the view that applications were being accepted beyond the issue closure date.

(c) MAS Services Pvt. Ltd. were the Registrar to the issue. In the absence of evidence of any malpractices, SEBI does not propose to take any action against the registrars.

Payment of Dividend by UTI

4413. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that dividend vouchers due in favour of thousands of depositors have not been disbursed so far

despite their repeated approaches to the Unit Trust of India;

(b) if so, how many Unit holders have not been paid such dividends for the last three years;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay;

(d) whether the Unit Trust of India would pay interest on such delayed pay ments;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Unit Trust of India has not yet paid dividends for the year 1991-92 to "Gopinath Sarbajanik Dharmarth Pratisthan" against Units purchased by them;

(f) if so, the reasons for this delay; and

(g) whether Government consider suitable action against Unit Trust of India for delaying payments and using the dividends for their own purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) UTI has reported that all dividend warrants to be sent upto March 31, 1994 except in the case of the Mastershare Scheme, have been despatched to investors. In the case of Mastershare, after redemption and book closure, all dividend warrants except about 5,000 out of a total of 6,50,000 have been despatched by 25-4-1994.

The delay in the despatch of dividend warrants in the case of Mastershare was mainly on account of a large number of requests for transfer of certificates received before the book closure of the scheme in December, 1993, and the procedures involved in updating unitholders' registers. In addition, in some cases, dividend warrants have been lost in transit. Unit holders whose dividend warrants are lost in transit are issued duplicate warrants by UTI after completing necessary formalities.

(d) Unit Trust of India pays interest to unit holders in case of substantial delays in the payment of dividend.

(e) and (f) UTI has reported that it would be difficult to indicate the position in the absence of details such as name of scheme, certificate numbers, etc.

(g) UTI has been taking steps to remove delays in the payment of dividend. In cases of substantial delays, UTI has been paying interest for the delayed period. Government have been advising UTI to promptly attend to the grievances of investors.

Revenue earned from Income Tax

4414. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total revenue earned from income tax during the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(b) what is the formula for distribution of above revenue among various States and Union Government;

(c) what is the actual amount distributed during the above period among States, separately;

(d) how much income tax has been collected from Haryana during the above period;

(e) whether Government propose to effect any changes in the formula of distribution for the benefit of small States like Haryana, Punjab; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The total revenue earned from Income tax is given below:—

(Rupees in Crores)

	Income tax (excluding Corporation tax)
1991-92	6731
1992-93	7888
1993-94	9005 (Provisional)

(b) In terms of the Constitution (Distribution of Revenue) No. 3 Order, 1990 issued on the basis of the recommendations of the 9th Finance Commission for the period 1990-95, 85% of the net proceeds of taxes of income, except in so far as these proceeds represent the portion attributable to Union Territories (1.437%), and the taxes payable in respect of Union emoluments, is assigned to the States in each financial year during